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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: ALGERIAN PRESS ON MIDEAST PEACE
PROSPECTS

1. IN HEAT OF LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN BORDER CLASHES -- WHICH
FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN ALGIERS ARABIC DAILY "ASH-SHA'B"
ATTRIBUTES TO "WORLD IMPERIALISM", CITING AS PROOF NYT
REPORT OF EGYPTIAN DESTRUCTION OF LIBYAN RADAR STATION ON
BASIS U.S. INFORMATION, REPORTED STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT
CARTER CONDEMNING LIBYAN ASSISTANCE TO TERRORISM, AND
ALLEGED EFFORTS BY MOROCCANS IN CAPACITY AS "SUB-GENDARMES"
OF IMPERIALISM TO INCITE EGYPTIANS AGAINST LIBYANS (REPORTED
SEPTEL) -- ALGERIAN PRESS COMMENTS PESSIMISTICALLY ON
CURRENT EFFORTS TO SETTLE MIDEAST CRISIS, PARTICULARLY
RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND CALLS ON ARABS TO
CLOSE RANKS AGAINST COMMON ENEMY.

2. IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL JULY 25, LEADING GOVERNMENT-
OWNED ALGIERS FRENCH DAILY "EL-MOUDJAHID" ALLEGES THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER GAVE IN COMPLETELY TO PRESSURE OF
ZIONIST LOBBY AND MENAHEM BEGIN AND ACCEPTED RECONVENING
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OF GENEVA CONFERENCE WITHOUT PLO, THUS CONDEMNING IT TO
FAILURE: "WASHINGTON HAS YIELDED TO PRESSURE OF ZIONIST
LOBBY AND ITS BOSS, BEGIN, WHO PROCLAIMED OPENLY THAT
DOOR TO NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE CLOSED IF PLO PERSONALITY
... WENT TO GENEVA. LEADER OF TEL AVIV ADMINISTRATION
WAS EVEN GIVEN NEW AND COPIOUS MILITARY AID.... THUS,
BEGIN FOUND ATTENTIVE, COMPLAISANT AUDIENCE IN

WASHINGTON.... IS THIS HOW U.S. HOPES TO ACHIEVE PEACE
IN MIDEAST? CAN IT BELIEVE IN JUST AND DURABLE SOLUTION
THAT TAKES NO ACCOUNT OF LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE...? TO HOPE THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE
COULD SUCCEED WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF PLO IS UTOPIAN,
BECAUSE IT MEANS FORGETTING THAT DRAMA OF PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE IS THE CENTRAL QUESTION OF WHOLE PROBLEM OF MIDEAST....
TO GO TO GENEVA WITHOUT PLO IS TO YIELD TO ISRAELI
DIDTAT AND REWARD AGGRESSION.... WHAT PEACE CAN BE
IMAGINED WITH REGIME THAT REPEATEDLY SHOWS IT UNDERSTANDS
AND KNOWS NO LANGUAGE BUT THAT OF FORCE...? ARAB
STATES MUST CLOSE RANKS AGAINST THEIR COMMON ENEMY,
ZIONISM."

3. FLN ARABIC WEEKLY ORGAN "AL-MUJAHID" FOR JULY 22
WRITES IN SIMILAR VEIN: "WHATEVER NATURE OF 'DIFFERENCE'
BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL MAY BE, NO CONFRONTATION WILL
TROUBLE THEIR ALLIANCE OR FRIENDSHIP.... CONCEPTS
BEING PUT FORTH AT PRESENT ARE VAGUE AND
AMBIGUOUS ON ESSENCE OF PROBLEM, I.E., RIGHTS OF
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.... WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT ANY
POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT TO GROW OUT OF PRESENT CONTACTS....
MILITANT ARAB POWER ALONE CAN CREATE CONDITIONS
NEEDED TO GET OUR ENEMY TO RETREAT AND TO IMPOSE JUST
SETTLEMENT THAT SERVES OUR VITAL INTERESTS."HAYNES

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